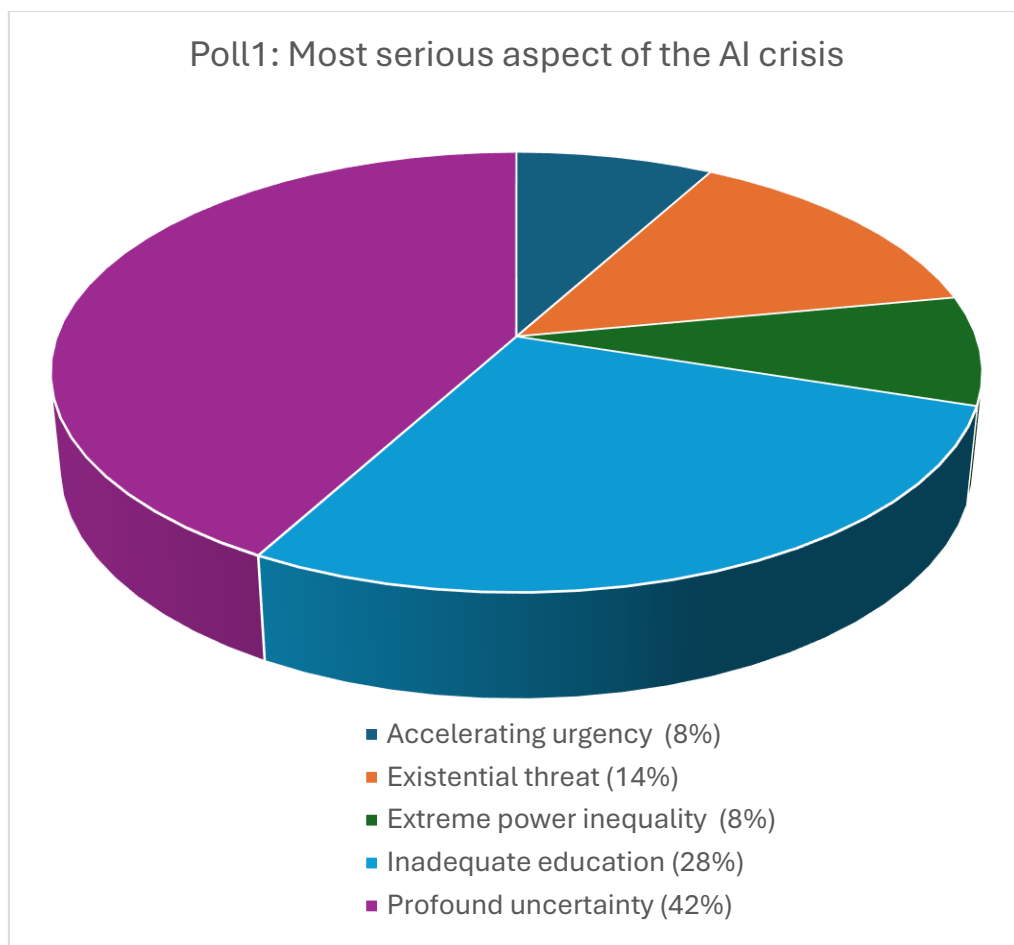


Survey Results: Opinions on responses in Africa to the AI policy crisis

These are results for surveys conducted during a Webinar in AI and Cyber Policy in Africa, in the presentation by Professor Greg Austin on the subject of Navigating the AI policy Crisis: 30 July 2026 Nairobi time 6pm to 9.30pm

Poll 1: Where is the global crisis in AI policy most serious? (Single choice)

1. Existential threat to prosperity or security of most countries and communities
2. Accelerating urgency or extreme pressure due to rapid pace of technology development
3. Profound uncertainty about capacity to control or regulate serious misuse of frontier AI models
4. Extreme power inequality between the global AI corporations and all other actors combined
5. Inadequate education, awareness and knowledge skills among civil servants, especially in national security agencies and the armed forces



Poll 2: What is the best approach from here for political leaders in AI policy in Africa to rapidly increase the tempo of reform at all levels? (Single choice)

1. Open complaint systems: Fast courts, real protection for data-labelling and moderation workers, and a clear route to challenge an automated decision.
2. Pass real laws, not strategies: Most African AI policy is voluntary guidance. Turn it into law with penalties attached.
3. Ratify the continental rules: The rules on data, source code and digital ID are written but not yet in force. Get them ratified so they actually bind.
4. Put rules in the contracts: Make audit access, local data storage, impact assessments and no vendor lock-in mandatory in every government AI purchase.
5. Fund our own regulators. Donor money for oversight has collapsed. Fund data protection authorities and watchdogs from African budgets instead.

